AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A coloring method of a tangible matter having a polyamide

bond, comprising: treating the tangible matter having a polyamide bond with an aqueous solution

containing consisting essentially of an aromatic derivative having one or more hydroxyl groups,

one or more dyeing assistant agents and a metal salt, at a temperature of 40°C or more, wherein

the tangible matter having a polyamide bond is treated with an aromatic derivative and a metal

salt either simultaneously or separately.

2. (Original) The coloring method of a tangible matter according to claim 1, wherein the

aromatic derivative having one or more hydroxyl groups is dihydroxybenzoic acid,

dihydroxybenzaldehyde, trihydroxybenzoic acid, trihydroxybenzaldehyde or tannic acid.

3. (Original) The coloring method of a tangible matter according to claim 1 or 2, wherein

the metal salt is an iron salt.

4. (Previously Presented) A tangible matter having a polyamide bond which is colored

by using the method according to claim 1.

5. (New ) A coloring method of a tangible matter having a polyamide bond, comprising

treating the tangible matter having a polyamide bond with an aqueous solution comprising an

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aromatic derivative having one or more hydroxyl groups and a metal salt at a temperature of

40°C or more, simultaneously or separately, wherein said solution comprises no dye.

6. (New) The coloring method of claim 5, wherein said aromatic derivative is selected

from at least one of the group consisting of: hydroxybenzoic acid, hydroxybenzaldehyde,

dihydroxybenzene, dihydroxybenzoic acid, dihydroxybenzaldehyde, trihydroxybenzene,

trihydroxybenzoic acid, trihydroxybenzaldehyde, tannic acid and esters and salts thereof.

7. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the treating steps are performed

separately.

8. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic compound is present at

from 0.01 to 15 wt %.

9. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the dyeing assistant agent is selected

from the group consisting of a penetrating agent, a fatliquoring agent and a pH adjustor.

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